

Please add the following new claims:

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--26. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acid residues 1 to 229 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) amino acid residues 26 to 229 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (c) amino acid residues 1 to 177 of SEQ ID NO:2.

27. (New) The polypeptide of claim 26 which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

28. (New) The polypeptide of claim 26 which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

29. (New) The polypeptide of claim 26 which comprises amino acid sequence (c).

30. (New) The polypeptide of claim 26 which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

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31. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 26 and a carrier.

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32. (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:

- (a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 26 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering the polypeptide.

33. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342; and
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the soluble polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342.

34. (New) The polypeptide of claim 33 which comprises amino acid sequence (a).
35. (New) The polypeptide of claim 33 which comprises amino acid sequence (b).
36. (New) The polypeptide of claim 33 which comprises amino acid sequence (c).
37. (New) The polypeptide of claim 33 which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.
38. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 33 and a carrier.
39. (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 33 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.
40. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
(a) amino acid residues 1 to 229 of SEQ ID NO:2;
(b) amino acid residues 26 to 229 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
(c) amino acid residues 1 to 177 of SEQ ID NO:2;
wherein the polypeptide binds an antibody that specifically binds the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
41. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid sequence (a).
42. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid sequence (b).
43. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid sequence (c).

44. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acid sequence (a).
45. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acid sequence (b).
46. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acid sequence (c).
47. (New) The polypeptide of claim 40 which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.
48. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 40 and a carrier.

- ~~49. (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 40 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.~~

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50. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
(a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342;
(b) the amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342; and
(c) the amino acid sequence of the soluble polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342;
wherein the polypeptide binds an antibody that specifically binds the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.

51. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid sequence (a).

52. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid sequence (b).
53. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid sequence (c).
54. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acid sequence (a).
55. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acid sequence (b).
56. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acid sequence (c).
57. (New) The polypeptide of claim 50 which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.
58. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 50 and a carrier.
59. (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 50 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.
60. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 126 to 177 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide binds an antibody that specifically binds the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
61. (New) The polypeptide of claim 60 which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.
62. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 60 and a carrier.

~~63.~~ (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 60 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.

64. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2 fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.

65. (New) The polypeptide of claim 64 which consists of at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2.

66. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 64 and a carrier.

~~68.~~ (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 64 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.

~~69.~~ (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein said fragment regulates cell proliferation.

70. (New) The polypeptide of claim ~~70~~⁶⁸ which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

71. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim ~~70~~⁶⁹ and a carrier.

~~72.~~ (New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 70 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.

~~73.~~ (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342 wherein said fragment regulates cell proliferation.

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(New) The polypeptide of claim ⁷²74 which further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

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(New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim ⁷²74 and a carrier.

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(New) A polypeptide produced by a method comprising:

- (a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 74 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering the polypeptide.--